THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The studies have revealed that rubber/ polymer Modified Bitumen, which includes NRMB (Natural Rubber Modified Bitumen) as one kind of the Modified Bitumen, provides more durable roads by reducing susceptibility towards temperature variations and improving the desirable properties of the bitumen thereby giving overall better performance. Government has decided to use the rubber/polymer modified bitumen in the periodical renewal works for maintenance and bituminous wearing course of original works on National Highways for at least 10% length.

(c) and (d) Association of the Planters of Kerala through Ministry of Commerce & Industry has suggested the use of NRMB in the Golden Quadrilateral Road Project. All the projects on Golden Quadrilateral excepting 93 kms have been awarded and are under implementation. NRMB alongwith other bitumen modifiers will be considered for use in North-South and East-West corridors and other bituminous wearing courses as mentioned in reply to parts (a) and (b) above.

Under-utilisation of CRF

2038. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial amount of the fund allocated by the Central Government to the States for construction of roads and highways is not being utilised by most of the States and it is lying in banks;

(b) if so, the details of the disbursement and utilisation of the Central Road Fund during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 till date, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken for optimum utilisation of funds by the States for construction of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B, C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Central Road Fund is non-lapsable and funds under this head are credited to State Government account. The details of amount released to various States during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and those utilized so far are given in the statement. *(See* below)

(c) In order to optimize utilization, works amounting to at least twice the annual accrual of the State from Central Road Fund are being sanctioned. The matter has been pursued at various levels including at the level of Chief Ministers of States.

Statement

Release of Funds under Central Road Fund and Utilisation Thereof

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of States	Released during 2000-2001	Released during 2001-2002 (upto 19-03-2002)	Utilisation Certificate Received
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3720.00	5137.66	5137.66
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	371.00	0.00	110.00
3.	Assam	503.00	463.00	503.00
4.	Bihar	856.00	0.00	0.00
5.	Chhatisgarh	768.00	1536.00	1368.00
6.	Goa	131.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	2336.00	1300.00	3663.00
8.	Haryana	1047.00	2094.00	2094.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	348.00	394.55	394.55
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1028.00	446.31	446.31
11.	Jharkhand Karnataka	607.00	0.00	0.00
12.		2149.50	562.00	1340.00

1	2	3	4	5
13.	Kerala	923.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2084.00	0.00	1272.00
15.	Maharashtra	3627.00	0.00	933.00
16.	Manipur	111.00	0.00	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	149.00	149.00	149.00
18.	Mizoram	202.00	490.00	592.00
19.	Nagaland	85.00	126.00	126.00
20.	Orissa	970.00	0.00	0.00
21.	Punjab	1433.00	1027.00	2460.00
22.	Rajasthan	2655.25	5054.00	5054.00
23.	Sikkim	38.97	0.00	37.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	2234.00	4000.00	4000.00
25.	Tripura	67.44	143.70	143.70
26.	Uttar Pradesh	3188.01	0.00	123.68
27.	Uttaranchal	367.00	319.00	319.00
28.	West Bengal	1278.95	874.05	1025.00

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways

†2039. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration for conversion of State Highwyas into National Highways which were forwarded by Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the National Highways of these States which are proposed

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.